

West Sac Girls Softball: 14U Division Rules for 2024



West Sac Girls Softball (WSGS) is a member of [USA Softball](#) and [NorCal Girls Softball Association](#). WSGS follows [NorCal rules of play](#) and supplements them with their own local rules. West Sac Girls Softball local rules appear in bold in this document.

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Change Log

This change log describes the changes to last year's rules.

Date	Change
2/21/2024	Added rule X.X:
2/21/2024	Changed rule X.X: Old version: New version:

1.0 INNINGS & TIME

- 1.1 Regulation game is 7 innings.
- 1.2 Game length 1 hr 30 min; cannot start new inning after 1 hr 30 min unless tied and umpire determines there is sufficient light to play an additional inning.
- 1.3 Sudden death rules then apply with the last batter from the previous inning starting the new inning at 2nd base; once a new inning is called, it must be completed unless the

game is called due to darkness, in which case final score is that of the last complete inning.

1.4 Home plate umpire and scorekeeper shall keep time.

2.0 EQUIPMENT & FIELD

2.1 Ball 12 inches.

2.2 Base 60 ft.

2.3 Pitching 43 ft.

2.4 Metal cleats may be worn.

3.0 DEFENSE

3.1 Minimum of 8 defensive players to field a team; team will forfeit if they have less than 8 players.

3.2 Play 9 defensively.

3.3 Defensive players must stop base runners from advancing.

3.4 Free substitution of defensive players at any time subject to minimum play requirements.

3.5 All players should get an equal amount of game starts. That is, the same players should not be out of the game defensively to start in a majority of the games over the season. If possible, the same players should not be out of the game defensively to start in successive games.

3.6 Minimum rules apply-12 players/12 outs by the top of the 4th inning.

3.7 Every player will be given the opportunity to play an infield position at least one inning per game. Two innings of infield per player is recommended, however infield positions will be predicated on safety of players.

4.0 PITCHING

4.1 Walks awarded after four balls.

4.2 Pitchers have 1 minute or 5 pitches to warm up.

4.3 No player can pitch more than 7 innings in two consecutive games. Rainouts or missed games by a player does not count in a two-game sequence. Each team shall record innings pitched by players in their scorebooks which are available for review by the opposing team. Pitchers are ineligible to pitch in a given game (assumed to have filled their 7 inning limit) if pitching inning totals cannot be determined from the scorebook. Scorebook must note absent players.

4.4 One or more pitches by a pitcher counts as an inning.

4.5 Illegal pitches shall be questioned only by the head coach of the opposing team and in conference with the umpire and other head coach.

4.6 Hit batters awarded 1st base.

5.0 OFFENSE

5.1 Five run per half inning mercy rule.

6.0 HITTING

6.1 Bat the entire game roster whether play defense or not. (Continuous order is suggested, if possible).

6.2 Dropped 3rd strike.

6.3 Infield fly rule.

- Definition: Batter is out on a fair fly ball (not including a line drive or an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder, pitcher or catcher with ordinary effort when first and second or first, second, and third bases are occupied with less than two outs.

6.4 Courtesy runner (player making the last out) may be used for catcher only when there are 2 outs and the catcher is a base runner.

6.5 If a player leaves the game for any reason before the end of the game, that player will be removed from the line- up for the remainder of the game. When that player is scheduled to bat that position will be skipped with no consequence.

7.0 RUNNING

7.1 Leadoffs and stealing (including home) allowed.

7.2 Two bases can be taken on an overthrow of a ball beyond the field boundary lines and into an out of play area.

7.3 Base runners must stop once the pitcher has controlled the ball within the pitcher's circle unless the pitcher tries to make a play on an advancing base runner or if the base runner is already more than halfway to the next base once the ball is controlled.

8.0 OTHER

8.1 All-star season and winter league.

8.2 No jewelry of any kind worn at games and practices except medical alert bracelets (must be taped to wrist) or necklaces.

8.3 Where there is no WSGS/NORCAL rule specified, then ASA/USA rules will prevail.

8.4 Make up games and cancellations will be made up by the board members only. Coaches are not allowed to postpone games between one another.